

FISCAL NOTE

HB 301 - SB 293

February 13, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Enacts the Victim Specialist Certification Act, which provides the following:

- Nine member board (three from each grand division) which will establish standards, approve training, establish certification process, application and other fees, and seek grants and funding for victim programs;
- Victim specialist must meet education, training ,and work experience requirements and have criminal background check and have education and work verification performed by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation;
- Persons with six years full-time work experience may substitute experience for course work;
- Board shall be assisted by the statewide victim-witness coordinator of the Tennessee District Attorneys General Conference.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$47,100 Recurring
\$7,200 One-Time**

Increase State Revenues - \$41,000

Estimate assumes:

- \$6,100 for board members travel expenses based on four meetings per year;
- \$48,200 recurring and one-time costs for criminal background checks, education and work experience verification by the TBI;
- \$41,000 state revenues from application fees to cover recurring costs for TBI services.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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